

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for treating an inflammation or lesion on a human or animal in need of said treatment, wherein said inflammation or lesion is caused by a virus, said method comprising:

contacting said inflammation or lesion with a virucidally effective amount of a composition consisting of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a ~~synergistic combination~~, ~~said synergistic combination consisting of~~ C1, a C2, or a C3 straight chain alcohol, or a C2, C3, or C4 diol having a concentration of 0.2 to 12.5% by volume in water, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the ~~synergistic combination~~ composition a range from to between 2.45 and to 4.6.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, and 2-propanol.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting go of 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein said alcohol is ethanol.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an organic acid.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The method of claim 5, wherein said organic acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, and acetic acid.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an inorganic acid.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of said ~~synergistic combination~~ composition is 2.45.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of a human or animal infected by said virus.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is applied topically to reduce or inhibit lesions in an animal or human suffering from an infection by said virus.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is a member of the Herpesviridae family.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method of claim 13, wherein said virus is ~~herpes-simplex~~ Herpes simplex 1.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The method of claim 13, wherein said virus is ~~herpes-simplex~~ Herpes simplex 2.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is ~~Varicella-zoster~~ Varicella zoster.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is a member of the Poxviridae family.

Claim 18. (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is ~~molluscum contagiosum~~ Molluscum contagiosum.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is selected from the group consisting of rhinoviruses, adenoviruses, enteroviruses, coronavirus, respiratory syncytial viruses, influenza viruses, and parainfluenza viruses.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is a preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray, and aerosol.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): A method for treating an inflammation or lesion in a human or animal caused by a virus, said method comprising:

~~comprising~~ contacting said inflammation or lesion with a virucidally effective amount of a composition consisting of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, ~~and a synergistic combination, said synergistic combination consisting of~~ an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol having a concentration of 0.2 to 13.0% by volume in water, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the ~~synergistic combination~~ composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, acetic acid, and hydrochloric acid.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The method of claim 21, wherein the pH of said ~~synergistic combination~~ composition is 2.45.

Claim 23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently amended): The method of claim 21, wherein said composition is applied topically to reduce or inhibit lesions in said ~~animal or human~~ human or animal.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The method of claim 21, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of said human or animal.

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is a member of the Herpesviridae family.

Claim 27 (Currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is ~~herpes simplex~~ Herpes simplex 1.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is ~~herpes simplex~~ Herpes simplex 2.

Claim 29 (Currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is ~~Varicella-zoster~~ Varicella zoster virus.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is a member of the Poxviridae family.

Claim 31 (Currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein said virus is ~~molluscum contagiosum~~ Molluscum contagiosum.

Claim 32 (Currently amended): The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is selected from the group consisting of rhinoviruses, adenoviruses, enteroviruses, cornoviruses, respiratory syncytial viruses, influenza viruses, and parainfluenza viruses.

Claim 33 (Currently amended): The method of claim 21, wherein said composition is a topical preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray, and aerosol.

Claim 34 (Currently amended): A method for treating an inflammation or lesion caused by herpesvirus, said method comprising:

~~comprising~~ topically applying to said inflammation or lesion a composition consisting of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, ~~and a synergistic combination said synergistic combination consisting of~~ 10% by volume ethanol, and 0.6% by weight glycolic acid, wherein the pH of the ~~synergistic combination~~ composition is about 2.45.